

## **AMBULANCE AUGMENTATION/STAFFING RECONFIGURATION 11 NEW BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) AMBULANCES**

### **ISSUE:**

Matching our resource deployment to the types and frequency of incidents.

### **CHALLENGE:**

The need for additional BLS RAs is the result of:

Emergency medical incidents have increased in the first two months of 2013  
(+6.2%, compared to the EMS incidents the first two months of 2012)  
(FY 08/09 to FY 11/12 showed an average increase in EMS incidents of +2.2/year)

Emergency medical incidents accounted for 84% of the 1127 daily calls for service within the first two months of 2013

### **SOLUTION:**

#### **Deploy 11 New BLS Ambulances**

- Ambulances will take EMS calls leaving the fire companies available to handle other non-EMS incidents
- Ambulances will be assigned to Light Force only stations
- Minimum BLS ambulance staff = 2
  - One Firefighter from the designated Task Force company and one Firefighter from the fire station where the new BLS ambulance is housed

#### **Staff Reconfiguration**

There are 41 Light Force Companies  
30 Task Force Companies

- 11 Light Force Companies will have staffing reconfigured from 6 to 5
- Firefighters will be transferred to staff the new BLS Ambulances

11 Light Forces are the only fire company within their districts

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### **IMPACT:**

#### **Public/Firefighter Safety**

- Five-member company operations will be implemented to ensure Firefighter safety and an effective Light Force operation
- Increased availability of ambulances (33% increase in BLS ambulances)
- Increased light force availability for non-EMS incidents

#### **Measures of Success**

- Improvement in emergency response times
- Increased ambulance availability
- Increased Light Force availability
- Improved Light Force coverage within the City

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- No cost for staffing as positions are redeployed from current staffing
- Reduction in wear and tear on heavy apparatus
- Some impact on apparatus maintenance from increase in emergency fleet
- Some impact to ambulance replacement cycle from increase in emergency fleet